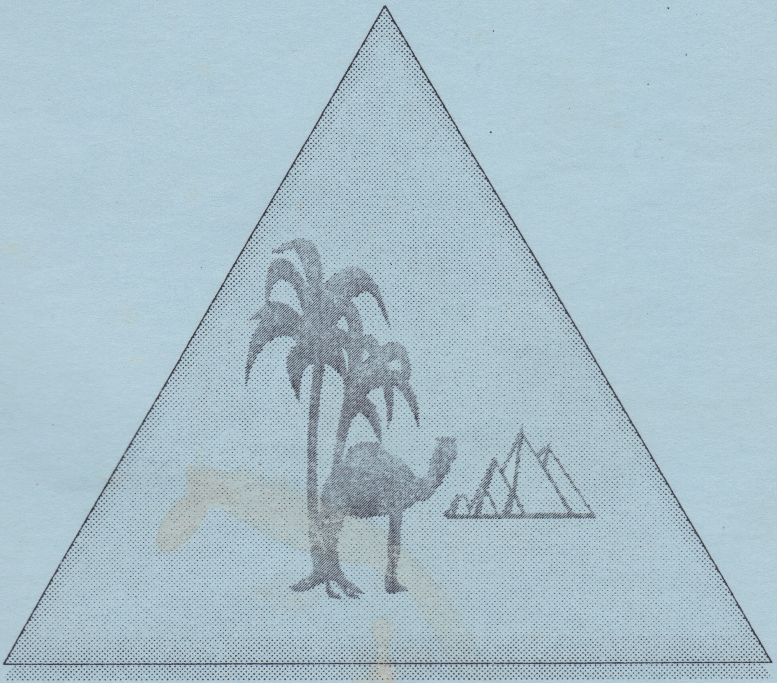
ETERNAL EGYPT

OCTOBER 15-29, 1993



Oberlin College Alumni Association

MEMORY BOOK

Friday, October 15: Depart U. S. A. on our international flight from New York to Cairo. All in-flight amenities.

Boeing 747 - Egyptair left JFK at 11 or 12 arrived in Cairo 3³⁰ tomorrow afternoon - not a bad flight Saw Canis major just before sunup -

Took 3 or 4 pictures out of a scratched window into a hazy land-scape

Saturday, October 16: Evening arrival in Cairo A late afternoon arrival in Cairo. We will transfer to our hotel, the Semiramis Inter-Continental.

$1 dollar = 3 pounds 33 piastre
6 dollar - 20 pounds

Sat Oct 16 = $40 - 134 pounds (6 piastre)

134 rec'd

3 To bread lady
11 kept to save

Sat Oct 23 - $40 - 135 from Joe

Khalid
Raed

Sunday, October 17: Cairo. Following breakfast we will begin our sight-seeing, which includes: the Egyptian Museum, the Citadel of Saladin; the Sultan Hassan Mosque, and the Alabaster Mosque, with its tall, slender minarets. We will return to our hotel for lunch, where we will meet with Ambassador A. El Reedy, former ambassador to the United States, who will talk with the group concerning Egyptian and American relations. Following lunch, we ~~will visit the Coptic area, including the Coptic Museum, the finest of its kind, housing a rare collection of ancient Christian relics, textiles, icons and manuscripts. We will also visit a Coptic church and the Synagogue of Ben Ezra.~~ Welcome dinner this evening at a local restaurant.

wake up - 7 8:30 - leave - reception desk
resist & day - 7:30

Spectacular buffet breakfast!
the entire morning at the Egyptian Museum. Unbelievable place - there is stuff everywhere - 300,000 pieces of Egyptian antiquity - cases of gold cases of beads. pieces of statues stacked in the hallways

2 pound tip for shoe
3 pounds for cards
40 pilastre
5 stamps
2 pound tip for elevator

Citadel - Saladin - ca 1200
1530 - M. Ali mosque
sultan Hassan mosque older than M. Ali

Tokina — Cairo museum - 3 or 4 pictures of the exterior only - no pictures inside -
Muhammed Aly Mosque - 6 or 7

Min — Hassan Mosque - 6-7

Nice 2½ hour respite - Bath in big Tub and then dinner at the Sheraton as guests of the Egyptian Travel bureau

Card to Powers

Mike + Betsy (when?)

Monday, October 18: Alexandria Excursion. This morning we will board a deluxe motorcoach for a full day excursion to the Mediterranean port city of Alexandria, once a prominent cultural, intellectual and economic metropolis of Egypt. There we will visit the Greco-Roman Museum; Pompey's Pillar and the Roman Amphitheater; the Catacombs of Dom al-Shoqafa; the Fortress; and The Royal Jewelry Museum, an architectural masterpiece containing a priceless collection of jewels of the Mohammed Ali dynasty.

welcome dinner at Hilton

Long ride - 3 hours
through long expanse of
desert

Finish Roll 1
pompeys pillar
Roman Amphi.
Also out
Bus window
Alexandria
Roll 2 1-6

Enjoyed the ride as the
scenery is fascinating -
desert stopped at Rest
Houses both coming and
going - Alexandria had a good
breeze

Tuesday, October 19: Cairo. This morning we will visit the ancient city of Memphis and the necropolis of Sakkara. Memphis was the capital of Egypt during the Old and Middle Kingdoms, and we will see a colossal figure of Ramses II and also the Alabaster Sphinx. Sakkara is dominated by the Step Pyramid of King Zoser, meant to serve as the center of the palace buildings for the afterlife. We will enjoy lunch today at the private Sakkara Horse Riding Club before our visit to the pyramids at Giza and the monumental Sphinx. We will also visit the Solar Boat Museum. This evening is a reception with Oberlin alumni living in Egypt.

Roll 2
6-end
Roll 3
1-21
pyramids

wood +
bronze ibis
7 pounds

Aswan - M/S Queen Nabila III

Wednesday, October 20: Cairo to Luxor. This morning we will fly to ~~Luxor, site of ancient Thebes, to board our Nile cruise ship, the *Queen of Sheba,* our home for six nights~~. This afternoon we will visit the Temple of Karnak, Egypt's most colossal temple, dedicated to Amun Re, and the Temple of Luxor, built by Amenhotep III. We will also visit Chicago House, where for over 60 years scholars have worked to document, decipher and interpret the hieroglyphic texts and wall reliefs of the Luxor region.

morning call at 3am - breakfast, on the bus at 4 30, off to airport and a flight to ~~A~~ Aswan - slight pause and then on to Abu Simbel

wonder of wonders!! You could say Ramses II looked just like the many pictures you have seen - except for the hugeness, the changing light, the texture, the hot sun, the wind, the eternal miles of sand - It is quite a long walk around to the front, building suspense, quite dramatically. I did not go to the Temple of Netari as I preferred to ~~sp~~ sit and contemplate Ramses.

Roll 3
22-30
~~[illegible]~~ to [illegible]

25 pounds
2 scarabs
alabaster
basalt

Flew back to Aswan - and finally got aboard our ship - quite elegant and comfortable - Lunch in the

dining room at 12:30 - Did not have to get ~~on the bus~~ ready for afternoon sojourn until 2:30 but even so I decided to take the entire afternoon off - Slept from 2 til 4:30 !!

Sat on Sun deck before supper and watched the sun go down - Feluccas, motorboats, cars houses, stores and people all about —

2 PIX ~~of~~ of River

Thursday, October 21: ~~Cruise to Dendera and Abydos.~~
~~Following breakfast we will cruise to Dendera and visit one of the best preserved temples in Egypt, the Temple of Hathor, goddess of love and joy. We will continue on to Abydos, the chief seat of worship of Osiris.~~

Woke up feeling good - took a shower and everything -
off to Philae - Joe stayed back to explore Aswan. The Temples of Philae had also been moved up out of the water - they show pharaonic influence plus Greek Roman & Christian - more interesting than beautiful - hordes of tourists there. Took almost 2/3 roll of pictures and snatched a little piece of granite
On to High dam - very impressive - area is being built up as "New Aswan" - buildings scattered over the landscape - towers of wires going everywhere
Thence to unfinished obelisk in granite quarry - ~~and~~ snatched another piece

Roll [illegible]
entire roll during a.m.
(to Living)

10 pounds banjo
6 pounds 2 necklaces

22 pounds spices

Sailed on to Edfu where we docked for the night

Sailed on to Kom Ombo to visit the temple from the Ptolmaic period - Did not go up to the temple but spent time at the bazaar - difficult difficult though I had an interesting "conversation" with Coler who claimed he was born in England. Finally bought a galabya from him for too much money. the bargaining situation is too hard for me.

⇒ Galabya party after dinner -

60 pts galabya
10 pts tambourine
10 pts white scarf

Roll 5
1-8

Several pictures of Edfu evening before & this morning

Friday, October 22: Cruise to Luxor. This morning we will visit the Temple of Osiris, built by Seti I. This is an important pre-Ptolemaic structure, the walls of which are covered with some of the most striking paintings in Egypt. We will then sail back to Luxor, enjoying life along the Nile as seen from our cruise ship.

built by greeks
237-BC—57BC

Edfu - Temple of Horus - very complete, well preserved - even some color here & there

Peddlers just as persistant

rode to temple in horse drawn buggy —

Roll 5
9-18

did I leave Essie's cane in Edfu?

Procede to Esne* - neither of us went to temple - had a little nap and then went topside to watch the world ~~go by~~ of the town. Had to stay in shade IT WAS HOT. Set sail & went through ~~some~~ the locks

* during which time I sat by our window & watched the world go by

Beautiful beautiful

Roll 5
19-35
inc. Esne + locks

Spent the night tied up to a sand bank somewhere!?

Cards to

Henry + Alma

Clausers

Katy

Alice

Saturday, October 23: Luxor. We will remain in Luxor today, visiting the West Bank to see the renowned Valley of the Kings, the Valley of the Queens, the ~~Temple of Queen Hatshepsut~~ and the Colossi of Memnon.

Beautiful ~~day~~ dawn and the motors woke me as we slid off the mud bank and cruised down to Luxor

This was a hot & arduous day - but very interesting

Valley of Kings - Ramses I, Seti II and

Valley of Queens -

Roll 6
1-20

Went to an alabaster workshop - (was given a piece of alabaster xtal)

L.E 30 - 2 scarabs
L.E. 10 - alabaster head

interesting demo of carving -

Had to wait quite a spell at the ferry because our ship was in the middle of the river. Finally got on board & had lunch about 2:30. Joe went to town to get money and I slept ~~[illegible]~~ for 2 hours. Had a shower, washed hair, did a little laundry. Later in the even watched a dance show - belly

ner

dance and a man with two
skirts who twirled without stopping.

Before supper we
went on a buggy ride
to see the sights of Luxor

Fabulous! Right down the narrow
street of the market ---

Sunday, October 24: Cruise to Esna and Edfu. Our first visit today will be the Temple of Khnum, the ram-headed god, in Esna. We will continue on to Edfu, where we will see the almost perfectly preserved Temple of Horus.

First – the Luxor Temple
and then – Karnak

wonderful experience in
every way –

Roll 6
21 – 36
Roll 7
all of it

Also went to a papyrus
Studio (between the two
temples) demonstration of how
papyrus is made and a chance
to buy nice originals

L.E. 115
papyrus

Short nap in the afternoon
and then up to the top deck
while we cruised down the River
from Luxor (2pm) to Dendera (5+pm)
most beautiful! farmland, people
working, boys swimming, girls carry
water, water buffalo etc etc – –

Monday, October 25: Cruise to Kom Ombo and Aswan. At Kom Ombo we will visit the Ptolemaic Temple before sailing on to Aswan, where we will board a traditional Nile boat, a felucca, to visit the Agha Khan's Mausoleum.

Woke up at 5^{30} am with diarrhea

RATS –

Did not go to Dendera, but had a reasonably pleasant time in our cabin resting & watching the people on shore —

bronze + wood ibis	LE	7.
scarabs - alabaster, basalt		25.
2 seed necklaces		6
spices		22.
galabya		60
tambourine		10
white scarf		10
2 scarabs		30
alabaster head		10
papyrus		115
silver jewelry		155
galabya		10
gods & myths books		37
	LE	482
		497

Tuesday, October 26: Aswan / Abu Simbel / Cairo. This morning we will visit the Aswan Dams, the Unfinished Obelisk and the Temple of Philae. We will then transfer to the airport for our flight to Abu Simbel, where we will visit the magnificent temples of Ramses II and his queen Nefertari. We will fly back to Cairo and spend the night at the Semiramis Inter-Continental.

Spent most of the day
travelling from Luxor to Cairo -
Felt pretty miserable all day
so I just laid low -
Ate the first meal at dinner -
but minimally -
We got a room on the 20th
floor of the Semiramis overlooking
the Nile - Magnificent !!!

Wednesday —

Went down to Breakfast this am to the alarming news that several people had been shot in the lobby of this hotel last night - Everyone was Saddened and quieted - two of the group had heard from their children during the night (thanks to CNN) we called Alice at noon -

Wednesday, October 27: Cairo. Today's sightseeing in Cairo will include visits to the Islamic Art Museum, the Ibn Toulon Mosque and the Gayer-Anderson house, a pair of traditional Arab houses joined together that date from 1540 and 1630. We will also see the old gates of ancient Cairo, Bab al Futuh and Bab an Nasr.

Ibn Tulun mosque – 9th century
restored 13th century
wide open spacious –
Gayer-Anderson house full of inlaid furniture
4 ~~stories~~ storeys high – only made 3!
Islamic art museum full of beautiful ceramics, tiles, bowls etc glass and carved and inlaid wood – –

– – By this time I was feeling poorly again so I didn't enjoy it as fully as I would have liked –
Mostly enjoyed the bus rides to & from all these places – Cairo is endlessly fascinating.
Did not go out in the pm – rather slept from 2 to 5 –

Thursday, October 28: Cairo. This morning we will visit the Pharaonic Village, reflecting the daily activities of an ancient Egyptian village. Following lunch we will visit the Khan El Khalili bazaar. We will enjoy our farewell dinner this evening.

Pharaonic Village - living history very interesting

Roll 9

Bazar

silver jewelry
L.E ~~150~~ 45 -

embroidered galabya
$10

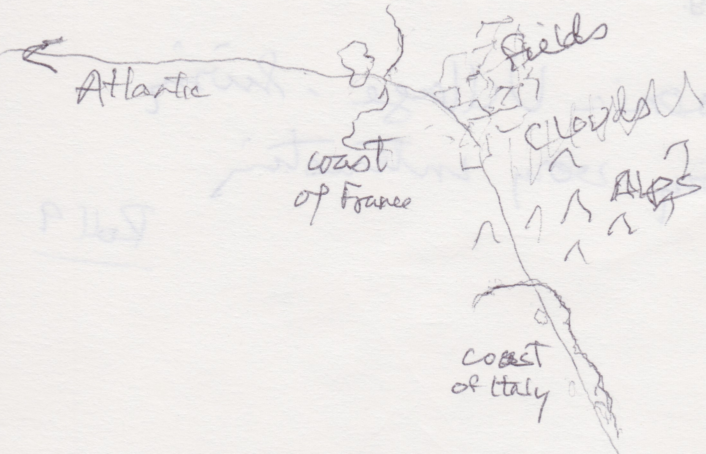
cat -

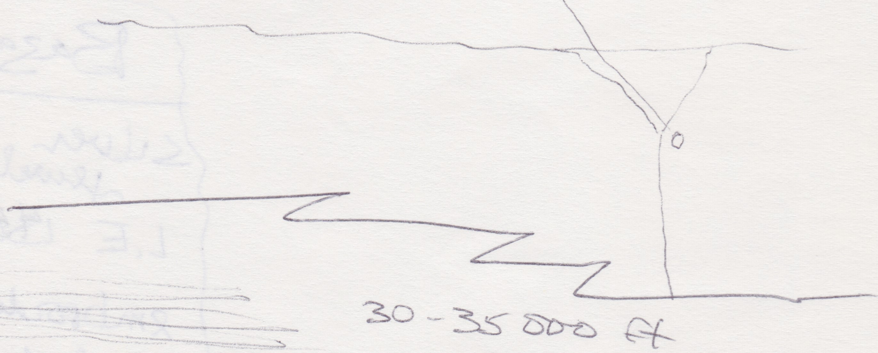
Hotel

Book -
gods + myths
LE 37.500

Journey home

33-35,000 feet





Friday, October 29: Cairo to U.S.A. Following breakfast we will transfer to the airport for our return flight home.

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